

**Neighborhood Advisory Committee Minutes
November 29, 2016, Meeting**

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, in Argyros Forum 209C.

PARTICIPANTS

Committee Members:

William Crouch
Jeff Frankel
Brian Lochrie
Robert Hitchcock
Dan Jensen
Teri Lepe
Annabell Liao
Brian Lochrie
Dennis McCuistion
Capt. Dave Nichols
Judy Schroeder
Sandy Quinn
Mayor Teresa Smith

Absent:

Pete Maddox
Sandy Quinn
Judy Schroeder
Tim Virus

Staff and Administration:

Dawn Bonker, *Recording Secretary*
Randy Burba
Alisa Driscoll
Harold Hewitt
Kris Olsen
Glenn Pfeiffer
Jerry Price
Jack Raubolt

Guest: Wilson Parnell

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Raubolt called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Raubolt announced that there would be no December Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting.

He also introduced Wilson Parnell, a student working in the Office of Community Relations, and said he be in attendance on occasion to learn more about the Neighborhood Advisory Committee's work.

CAMPUS PLANNING

Kris Olsen updated the committee on the status of the Villa Park Orchard (VPO) project and residence hall, the Center for Science and Technology and the North Residence Hall.

Regarding the VPO, Mr. Olsen said an extensive meeting with City and University planners and members of the Design Review Committee (DRC) on Wednesday, Nov. 16, had been productive. The main topics discussed in detail during the three-hour meeting related to the project's site, the packing plant's restoration and its housing capacity.

Key to the site discussion was landscape. Mr. Olsen said the group discussed ideas to connect the overall landscaping from area to area of the project so that the outdoor spaces would be more cohesive.

The DRC asked the University to employ a stucco exterior and use brick as an accent, rather than a primary surface as the University had proposed.

He said there was a good conversation about the housing capacity. The University needs the project to house at least 400 students to be feasible, Mr. Olsen said, but there were concerns about a project of that size. A solution was found in a redesigned plan that would still meet all design standards. Conceptual sketches of that plan are being prepared.

Robert Hitchcock asked if the VPO approvals were going to require Planning Commission approval.

Mr. Olsen said that possibility remained to be seen.

William Crouch, who participated in the Nov. 16 meeting, commended Mr. Olsen for the University's thorough preparation for the meeting and for arranging for the attendance of the University's architects. He said it helped make for a constructive work session where questions and concerns could be thoroughly addressed. He was optimistic that with modifications, the VPO residential project could still open in fall of 2019.

Jeff Frankel echoed that sentiment.

Mr. Crouch said a full Environmental Impact Report just for the VPO would likely not be required if the alternatives discussed at the meeting could be incorporated into the modified design.

Regarding the Center for Science and Technology, Mr. Olsen said construction was proceeding well and on schedule for opening in fall of 2018. In addition to multiple labs and classrooms, the 140,000-square-foot project will include an outdoor seating area for 834. The project will also expand the capacity of the underground Lastinger Parking Structure by more than 300 vehicle spaces, he said.

Mr. Frankel asked if there had been complaints related to the project.

Mr. Olsen said there have been occasional complaints, usually related to truck noise. Refrigerator magnets distributed by Mr. Raubolt's office include phone numbers to call with noise complaints. Mr. Raubolt said his office receives fewer than five complaints a month. His office will continue to alert residents with courtesy notices when particularly noisy construction work or traffic is anticipated.

Dennis McCuiston said he received a phone call at Orange High School from a resident who worried that students might be harmed by air pollution related to construction. The caller said he was suffering allergic reactions. Mr. Raubolt said he had contacted the resident and City officials spoke with the resident and his concerns.

Mr. Olsen reported that the off-site parking at First Christian Church is for construction crews and a shuttle that conveys them to the job site was working well.

Regarding the North Residence Hall, Mr. Olsen said there was nothing new to report. The Davis Apartments will not come down until VPO is open, he said. Meanwhile, his office is developing conceptual drawings that would house up to 640 students. Most, but not all, of the Everett Street homes that abut that area are owned by the University and used for faculty and staff housing.

Regarding the property adjacent to Panther Village, Mr. Hewitt said the University planned to submit an offer approved by the Board of Trustees promptly when the City of Orange opens bidding on the site on Thursday, Dec. 1.

DISTURBANCE CALL REPORT

Capt. Dave Nichols with the City of Orange Police Department reported that the downward trend in disturbance calls related to student parties continues. In the previous two weeks only two parties had been cited. Officers continue to follow up on all calls, including lesser disturbances that don't meet the level for citation, he said. He complimented the efforts of Student Government Association and Greek Life leadership in helping with the awareness and education campaign to rein in unruly and loud parties.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Student-Neighbor Mixer Recap

Annabell Liao reported that the Neighborhood Mixer hosted by the Student Government Association (SGA) on Veterans Day weekend was a success. About 200 people attended, many with their dogs, and an opportunity drawing helped raise money for the Orange County Animal Shelter. She said SGA is planning another mixer in the spring.

Mr. Raubolt commended the student group for organizing the event and said it attracted several community members who had never before visited campus.

Mayor Teresa Smith complimented the SGA on its planning and shared regrets that she was unable to attend due to prior Veterans Day commitments.

Mr. Lochrie said the community was very appreciative of the students' efforts.

Undie Run Preparedness

Mr. Raubolt reported that after much consideration and research, the Undie Run Task Force did not recommend mounting an aggressive effort to banish the run. Such efforts elsewhere tend to be largely unsuccessful and draw more attention to the events, he said. The Dean of Students will continue to remind students that it is an unsanctioned event, not supported by the University. Mr. Raubolt reminded the members that the University will participate in efforts to control the run and pay for any damage that occurs.

Capt. Nichols said his department will continue with its management of the run, which has proven effective in recent years. More than 40 officers will be deployed to close streets along Glassell, from the University to Plaza Park, and students will be steered to round the traffic circle and return north to campus. Generally, by 12:30 a.m. the run is over, he said. The challenge continues to be the noise and partying as students return to home. To combat this, a new effort is in place this year assigning three Orange Police Department police officers to patrol areas surrounding campus to deal with these issues directly.

Randy Burba said this year the University Safe Ride vans and shuttles that ferry students home and to residence halls will be operated by University staff, rather than student Safe Ride volunteers. There will also be one more shuttle operational as opposed to previous years. Food will be provided in Argyros Forum in an effort to bring students back to campus and out of the residential neighborhoods, he said.

Jerry Price said his staff focuses on student safety and minimizing the event's impact on the community. Students are encouraged to return to campus and hang out in Attallah Piazza before returning home. That evening his on-site staff also make cab vouchers available to those who need them, including non-Chapman students who attend the run

Students will also be reminded that any violation of the City party ordinance during the Undie Run will be treated as a second violation and all hosts will be subject to fines, he said.

Mr. Frankel asked how long the Undie Run had been going on.

Mr. Price said it was uncertain, but reportedly about 20 years.

Mayor Smith thanked the University and City Police and for their efforts and expressed gratitude to the community for raising concern about the Undie Run and prompting efforts to mitigate its impact.

Neighbor Calls

Mr. Raubolt updated the committee on what his office was hearing from residents of late. Parking complaints are the main topic, he said. The calls are appreciated because they help Public Safety identify faculty, students and staff who are skirting the University's parking policy. Some callers have also called to ask the University to install a traffic light at Palm Avenue and Lemon Street. He tells callers that the University would support the installation, however, the issue is entirely in the hands of the City.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.